



FIRE MOBILIZATION NEWS FROM THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

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Update: Fire Mobilization Ordered for Fischer Fire in Chelan County

CAMP MURRAY – Washington State fire service resources have been requested to support local firefighters working to contain a wildfire which threatens residences and structures near Dryden, which is in Chelan County about 7 miles east of Leavenworth.

Washington State Patrol Chief Lowell Porter authorized the State Fire Services Mobilization Act at 12:01 a.m. today. Three interface task forces were dispatched to the fire for structure protection. This will add an additional 15 engines/tenders and 48 firefighters. Chelan County fire officials reported that fire had burned an estimated 700 acres. The fire began about 7 p.m. on Sunday, August 8th, officials added.

The State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at Camp Murray activated today to coordinate state assistance for the Fischer fire. Staff from the Washington State Patrol's Fire Protection Bureau and the State Emergency Management Division of the Washington Military Department has reported to the EOC.

The State Fire Services Mobilization Plan is implemented to provide personnel, equipment and other resources from around the state when wildfires exceed the firefighting capacity of local jurisdictions.

The State Enhanced 911 Office in cooperation with local telephone carriers reminds all citizens in the affected area to:

- Stay off the telephone unless you have a critical need to make a telephone call. Remember a FAX or a computer also uses a telephone line and its use may affect your ability to get immediate help in a life-threatening emergency.
- DO NOT call 9-1-1 unless you need an emergency response from police, fire or emergency medical personnel.
- If you experience other types of problems not related to these emergency services, call the appropriate telephone number for those services.
- DO NOT call 9-1-1 unnecessarily. 9-1-1 lines must be kept open for people who have a true emergency.
- If you pick up your telephone to make a call and do not hear dial tone, DO NOT HANG UP. Simply wait a few seconds, and you will get dial tone and be able to make your call.

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